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This is practically a deep, narrow pocket between the mountains, filled with the rains and melted snows that have come pouring down over those precipitous slopes. This nearer side of the gigantic Watzman is German, for we are in the southeastern corner of Bavaria; the farther side of the same mountain is partly in Austrian Tyrol. Down here at the very foot of the mountain we do not see its full height—we are too near; the highest peak is at the moment more than a vertical mile above our heads. Think of a mile-long distance on some familiar street at home. Imagine that distance standing "on end." It will still fall short of the height of the mountain wall now before us. There is a fine view of the Watzman to be had from the village of Berchtesgarden, a mile and a half away (see Stereograph 1259).

Travellers who have been everywhere agree that this is one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. These waters at our feet are a clear, dark green, and on almost any still, clear day in summer the reflections of forest and cliff and snow-streaked precipice can be seen with this marvelous brilliance of effect. Peasant lads or sturdy young women are always ready to take travellers out in rowboats. The lake is six miles long, and the views from different parts of its lovely mirror are all wonderfully beautiful.

The picturesque little building on that promontory yonder is a chapel of St. Bartholomew; near by is a hunting lodge, formerly used by the noble owner of estates not far away. Travellers are now allowed to land there for luncheon.

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The great Watzmann and the Konigssee, Bavaria, Germany

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Der große Watzmannund der Königssee, Bayern, Deutschland

El gran Watzmann y el Konigssee, Baviera, Alemania

Watzmann och Königssee, Bayern, Tyskland

Великие Ватцманн и Конигсеи, Бавария, Германия